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The following is a second supplemental amendment to Applicar 's' response to Final Office Action of October 17, 2003, which Applicants mailed on September 16, 2004. A supplemental amendment was filed on December 02, 2 004 in response to a telephonic conversation with Examiner Goldberg. This second supplemental amendment is filed to more specifically claim Applicants' invent: on and to clarify the language of claim 1.

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